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OF REMOTE SENSING

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1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF JANUARY 11 ASYG OZDAS MEMORANDUM (ASG.SEA(78)003) TO SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. (ANNEX TO MEMORANDUM BEING MAILED TO DES/CRAWFORD.) MEMO AND ATTACHED REPORT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT FEBRUARY 2-3 SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING UNDER AGENDA ITEM X, MARITIME REMOTE SENSING (REFS)

2. BEGIN TEXT: SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN THE FIELD OF MARITIME REMOTE SENSING.

FOLLOWING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF MARITIME REMOTE SENSING, A WORKSHOP WAS HELD IN HAMBURG ON 13 AND 14 DECEMBER, 1977 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PROFESSOR K. HASSELMANN TO EXPLORE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL AIR-SEA INTERACTION EXPERIMENT IN THE NORTH SEA IN THE SUMMER OF 1979. OTHER EXPERIMENTS WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY BENEFIT FROM THE CATALYTIC
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ACTION OF THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE WERE DISCUSSED AT AN AD HOC MEETING ON 15 DECEMBER. BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE 13-15 DECEMBER, 1977 MEETINGS WAS PROVIDED IN ASG.SEA(77)258, DATED 24 NOVEMBER, 1977.

THE REPORT ON THE 13-15 DECEMBER MEETINGS IS AT ANNEX. UNDER AGENDA ITEM X OF ITS 2-3 FEBRUARY, 1978 MEETING, THE COM-

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MITEE IS INVITED TO CONSIDER THE CONSLUSIONS OF THESE MEET-
INGS AND IN PARTICULAR:

A) SUPPORT CATALYTIC ENCOURAGEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL INTER-
NATIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIMENTS SUCH AS MARSEN I, THROUGH THE
FLEXIBLE MECHANISMS AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE EXISTING SPECIAL
PROGRAMME PANELS (CONCLUSIONS A,B,C,E);

B) MAINTAIN A WATCHING BRIEF WITH RESPECT TO THE COORDINA-
TION OF SPECIFIC MARINE REMOTE SENSING PROJECTS WITHIN THE
OVERALL PROPOSED 1979 PROGRAMME, USING SEASAT-A AND NIMBUS-
G SATELLITE DATA (CONCLUSIONS D,G);

C) GIVE FURTHER ATTENTION TO RESEARCH AND TRAINING NEEDS
IN THE AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE BY REMOTE
SENSING TECHNIQUES (CONCLUSIONS F, H).

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE BACKGROUND FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF
THESE CONCLUSIONS, A PRESENTATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON THE PROSPECTS AND PLANS FOR UTILISING REMOTE
SENSING TECHNIQUES IN MARITIME RESEARCH PROBLEMS IN THE
NATO AREA. END TEXT.

3. AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING,APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR WILL BE
DEVOTED TO AGENDA ITEM X. SCIENCE DIVISION INTENDS TO
INVITE FOLLOWING TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION:
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-- DR. D. CARTWRIGHT (INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY-UK)
-- DR. K. HASSELMANN(MAX-PLANCK INSTITUTE-FRG)
-- DR. O. SHEMDIN (NASA/JPL - USA)

THESE SCIENTISTS ATTENDED DECEMBER WORKSHOPS HELD IN HAMBURG
AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO BRIEF COMMITTEE FULLY ON INTERNATIONAL
REMOTE SENSING ACTIVITIES. AFTER THOROUGH DISCUSSION,
INTERNATIONAL STAFF HOPES THAT MEMBERS WILL AGREE THAT
BEST COURSE OF ACTION IS FOR SCIENCE COMMITTEE TO FOCUS
ON SPECIFIC RESEARCH PROBLEMS AND TRAINING AND NOT ATTEMPT
GENERAL COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL REMOTE SENSING
ACTIVITIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR FEBRUARY SCIENCE COMMITTEE
MEETING. GLITMAN

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